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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Sir:

Applicant replies herewith to the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, and respectfully seeks reconsideration thereof. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Reply, which present new amendments in response to the positions taken in the Final Office Action, and which are intended to lead directly to allowability. For this reason Applicant believes that this amendment touches the merits of the application and shows good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented (37 CFR § 1.116 (b)(3)).

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION: None

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

CURRENT LISTING OF THE CLAIMS appears on pages 3-14 hereof.

The current listing of the claims presented below replaces all previous listings of the claims. Applicants retain the right to prosecute the subject matter of any canceled or withdrawn claims, and of any unelected species, in this or subsequent patent applications claiming the benefit of priority of the instant application.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING: None

REMARKS appear on page 15 hereof.

ARGUMENT appears on pages 15-20 hereof.

CONCLUSION appears on page 20 hereof.

APPENDIX: None